Association held in Chingam 1103 and submitted by it to the Director and to state:—

(a) what steps have been taken by the Government to give effect to each of the said resolutions;

(b) have any final orders been passed by the Government upon them;

(c) what are those orders?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a), (b) & (c). Vide answer to question No. 86 of the last Vrischigam Session of the Council.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I am referred to question No. 86 of the previous session. And there with regard to resolutions Nos. 1, 5, 6 and 11 it is stated that they were taken notice of by the Special Finance Committee. May I know whether orders have been passed on those recommendations?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—No orders have been passed as yet.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How long will it take to pass orders?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I am not in a position to say.

Building and Furniture Grants to Aided Schools.

301. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of grant-in-aid schools that applied for (1) building grant, (2) furniture grant, in the last 5 educational years with the number of years these schools were in existence;

(b) the names of schools which have been granted either of the grants with the amounts given to each under each of the above headings with reasons, if any, for the selection?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Vide answer to question No. 89 of the last Vrischigam Session of the Council.

Service in Mesopotamia counting for promotion in State Service.

302. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government had accepted the view that in the case of Government Servants, the period of service in Mesopotamia will count for promotion, increment, etc., in the State service;

(b) whether the Government have been aware of the fact that any Departmental Head in the State has issued a Memo to that effect;

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(c) whether the Director of Education had sent a Memo to Mr. K. M. Itteera on the 6th June 1928 in reply to his petition dated 16th Edavam 1093, and if so a copy of it will be placed on the Table, and state whether the Government had accepted the statement contained in the Memo with reference to service in Mesopotamia;

(d) whether the Memo had been given effect to in the case of the petitioner referred to above and who had done service in Mesopotamia, and if not, why not?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Vide note 3 to Article 155, C. S. R.

(b) Yes.

(c) There is a Memo of 6th June 1918; copy of that Memo is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*) Government did not accept it.

(d) No, because the concessions claimed were against the rules.

Public Libraries and Reading Rooms.

303. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of Public Libraries and Reading Rooms maintained or aided by the Government;

(b) the places or towns where they are situated;

(c) whether there is any Public Library and Reading Room maintained or aided by the Government at Kunnamkulam;

(d) whether petitions and representations have not been received by the Government including the Director of Public Instruction for opening at Kunnamkulam a Public Library and Reading Room maintained or aided by the Government;

(e) what is the grant that is being given annually by the Government for each of the Public Library and Reading Room maintained or aided by the Government;

(f) what are the conditions necessary for opening a Public Library and Reading Room maintained or aided by the Government?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Eight, excluding the four Village Libraries recently established.

(b) Chittur, Ayalur, Trichur (2 Libraries), Irinjalakkuda, Kattur, Cranganur and Ernakulam.

(c) No.

(d) Yes.

(e) 1. Chittur Library Rs. 125.
2. Ayalur Union ,, 50.

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APPENDIX IV.

(*Vide answer to Question No. 302*).

C. No. 5087/1093 Office of the Director of Education,
Trichur,
6th June 1918.

MEMO.

Reference:—Petition, dated 16th Edavam 1093, from K. M. Itteera, teacher, A. V. Primary School, Ayalur, forwarded by the Headmaster and by the Chief Inspector of Schools whith his C. 5030 of 1093.

The petitioner, if selected, will get about Rs. 80 a month. This period of service in Mesopotamia will count for promotion, increment, etc., in State Service.

(Sd).
Director.

To

The petitioner (through the Headmaster.)
The Chief Inspector.

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